

REMARKS

Claims 13-19 have been canceled, and claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application respectfully is requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 10, 11, 13-16 and 19 over prior art references. However, the Examiner states that claims 17 and 18, while objected to as depending from rejected base claims, would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. These claims been canceled, but also have been so rewritten by incorporating their limitations into base claims 1 and 6, respectively. Other claims (13-16 and 19), not depending directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 6, have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection is deemed no longer to be applicable and accordingly should be withdrawn, and the claims remaining should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 1-3, 6, 10 and 11, earnestly is solicited.

Should any fee be required, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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